

# City of Bristol Tennessee

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## **Fire Department Promotions Announced**

Bristol Tennessee Fire Chief Bob Barnes has announced two promotional appointments to become effective September 13, 2010. Tommy Castle will assume the rank of Battalion Chief and Darrell Meares will be elevated to the rank of Captain. Both men earned their new roles by finishing first after a lengthy process to establish promotional registers for each rank. The process factors a number of parameters to develop a cumulative score for each candidate and promotional registers are established accordingly.

Meares is a Paramedic and a thirteen year veteran of the fire department who has served the past two years as a Lieutenant. Captain Meares and his wife, Corina, reside in Bristol, Tennessee with their two daughters, Fairyn and Preslon. Battalion Chief Castle began his career with the department in 1989 and has served as a Firefighter, Lieutenant, and Captain. Castle and his wife, Lisa, make their home in Abingdon, Virginia.

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